

Stratton School

Playground Design

Community Meeting February 17, 2022



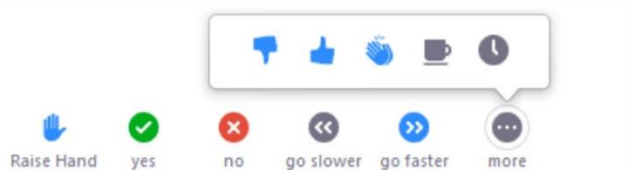


Zoom Tips

PRESENTATION:



TURN VIDEO ON/OFF
PLEASE REMAIN MUTED



NON-VERBAL OPTIONS

CLICK ON PARTICIPANTS (BOTTOM OF SCREEN) AND THESE OPTIONS WILL POP UP IN A SIDE BAR

Q&A SESSION:



VIA PHONE

USE *9 TO RAISE HAND TO ASK QUESTIONS



VIA WEB

CHAT TO ASK QUESTIONS



RAISE HAND

FOR QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL AND COURTEOUS OF ALL PARTICIPANTS WHEN ASKING QUESTIONS OR PROVIDING FEEDBACK SO ALL ATTENDEES ARE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING.



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Process

PROJECT GOAL

- START CONSTRUCTION THIS SUMMER INTO EARLY FALL
- TIMELINE DESIGNED WITH THIS GOAL
- EXPEDIENT DESIGN PROCESS

COMMUNITY INPUT

- SURVEY
- PUBLIC MEETING #1 TONIGHT
- MEETING WITH STUDENTS AFTER VACATION
- SECOND PUBLIC DESIGN INPUT MEETING TO REVIEW FINAL DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS MARCH 3RD

TONIGHT'S MEETING

- [STRATTON 6 PM](#), PEIRCE 7 PM, BISHOP 8 PM



Process

PLAYGROUND RENOVATION ONLY

- FOCUS ON PLAYGROUND RENOVATION ONLY
- ARPA (AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS) – ESTIMATING \$1.8 MILLION
- NOT A FULL PARK RENOVATION LIKE OTHER PARK COMMISSION PROJECTS
- KEEPING THIS FOCUS ALONG THE WAY WILL BE DIFFICULT TO DO!

DESIGN GUIDELINES

- REPLACEMENT OF PLAY EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY SURFACING
- FOCUS ON SCHOOL AGE APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENT (5-12 AGES)
- DURABLE MATERIALS FOR HEAVY USE (PREFERENCE FOR METAL OVER WOOD STRUCTURES)

TONIGHT'S PRESENTATION

- VOTING WHERE APPROPRIATE
- HOLD ALL QUESTIONS UNTIL THE END



Agenda

1. PROJECT TEAM EXPERIENCE
2. PROJECT SCHEDULE
3. PROJECT BACKGROUND & CPSI REVIEW
4. EXISTING CONDITIONS
5. COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS
6. WHAT WE'VE HEARD
7. DESIGN CONCEPTS
8. MENTI-METER SURVEY
9. NEXT STEPS



Project Team - Playgrounds Experience

Total of 35 completed playground projects since 2006

- Excludes splash pads, ballfields/courts park projects
- 3 in Arlington

✓ 26 playground projects are school playgrounds

Waldo Park, Arlington
2008



Vinson Owen School, Winchester
2013

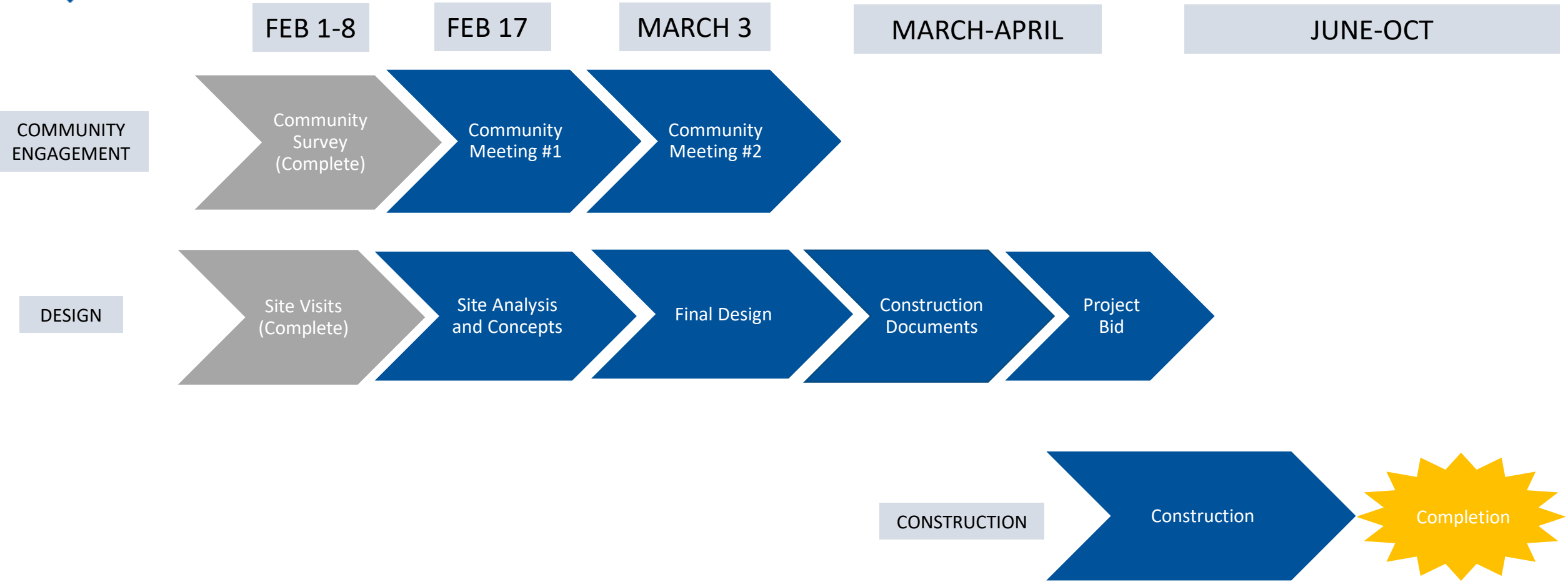


Healey Schoolyard, Somerville
Fall 2022 Completion





Project Schedule





Project Background & CPSI Review

- Playground assessment and report in 2019
- Identified hazards and recommendation replacement
- Play equipment closures/removal
- Limited sight lines from 5-12 area to 2-5
- Accessibility to site meets ADA standards





Stratton Playground - Existing Conditions





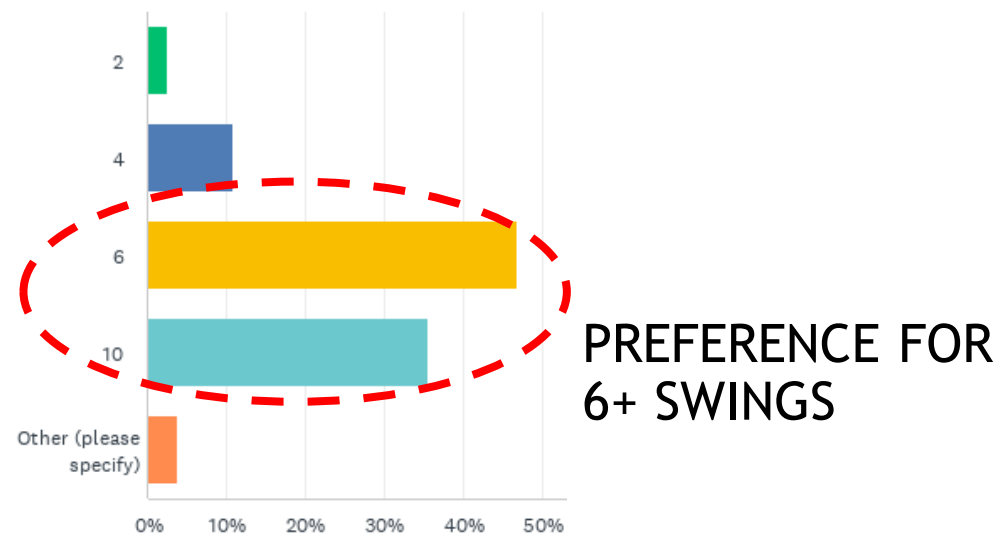
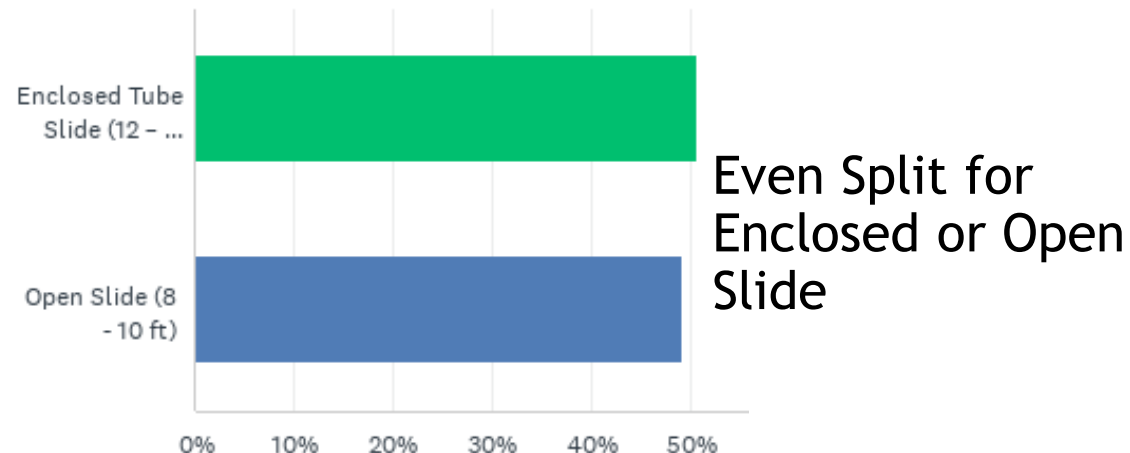
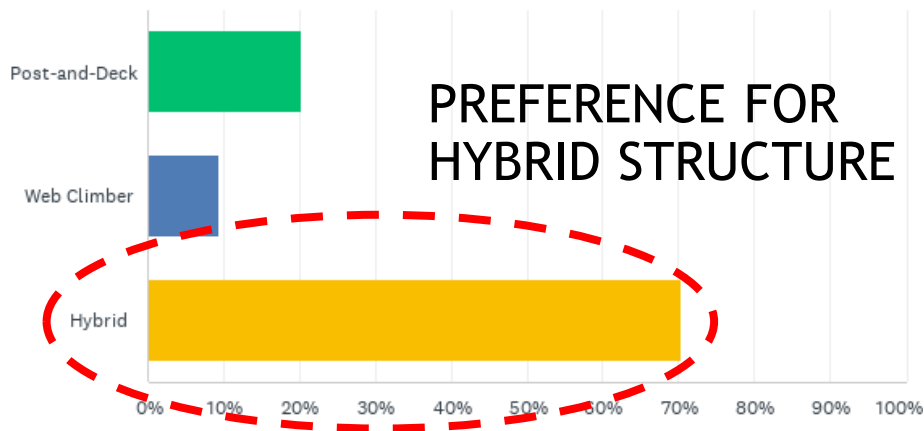
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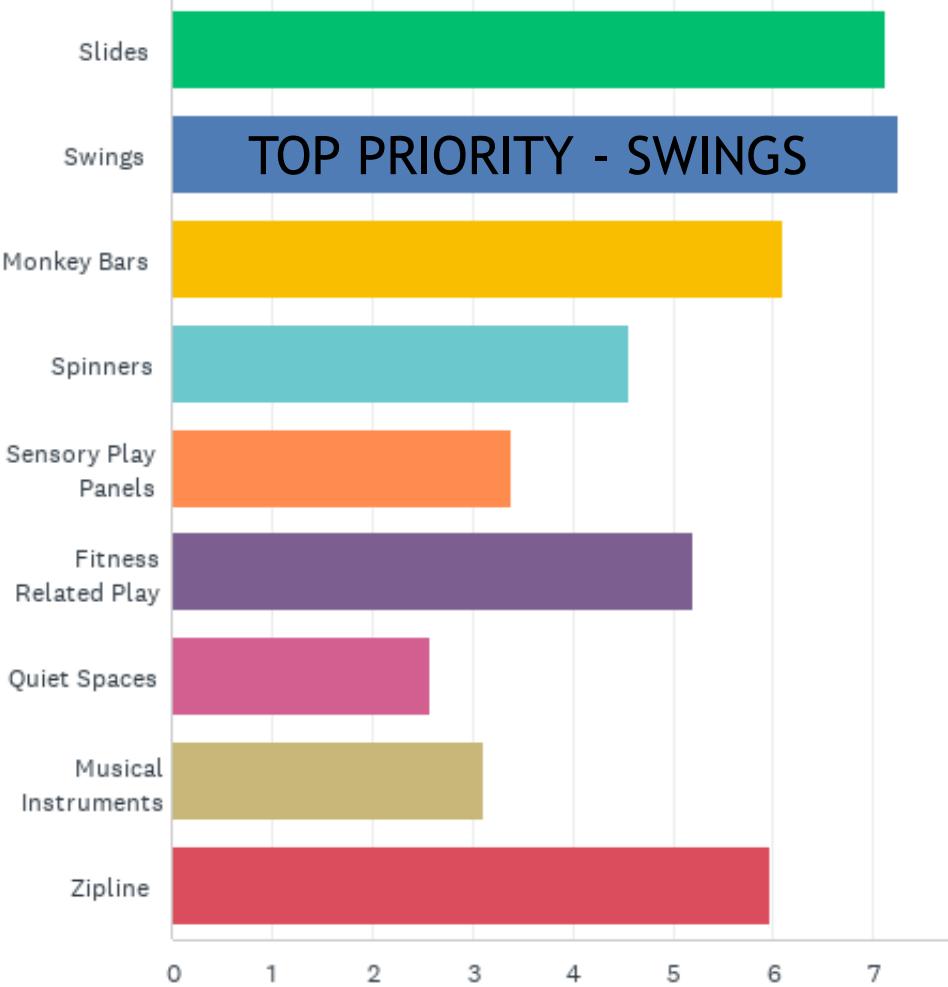
Community Survey Results

- **566 TOTAL RESPONSES**
- **230 FOR STRATTON**
- **SURVEY OPEN FROM FEBRUARY 1 - FEBRUARY 8, 2022**





Community Survey Results



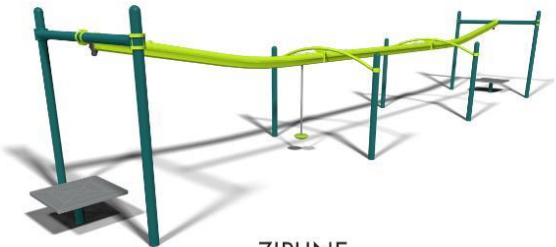
TOP PRIORITY - SWINGS



MONKEY BARS



SPINNER



ZIPLINE



SLIDE



MUSICAL INSTRUMENT



FITNESS



SWINGS



QUIET SPACES



PLAY PANEL



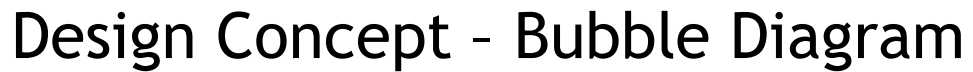
What We've Heard

Survey Feedback

- Spider web climber is well loved
- Rock wall – remove or replace
- Add basket swings
- Better sight lines for supervision
- Options for older students
- Add surfacing under gagaball pit
- Improve accessibility and consider adding more fencing for SLC students

Special Education Outreach

- Ongoing

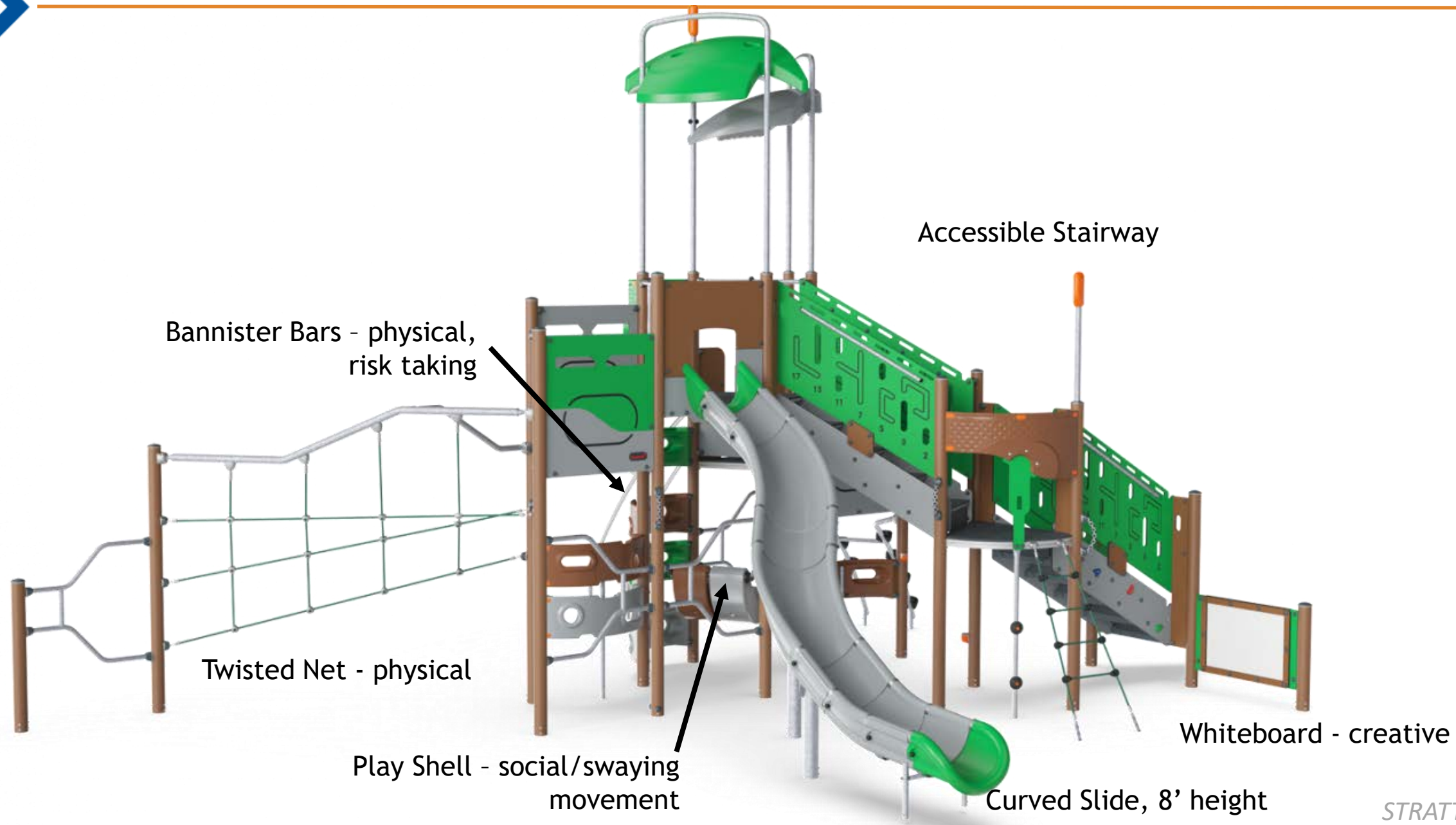


- Increase accessibility and provide more options for students in wheelchairs
- Include taller slide and more challenging equipment
- Rubber surfacing to accessible elements of each type of play
- Replace Tot-Lot equipment in addition to 5-12 equipment





Design Concept - Option A

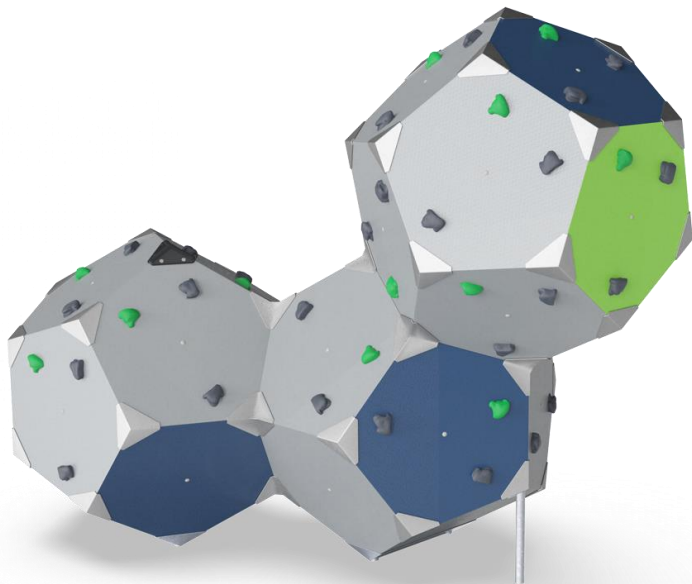




Design Concept - Option A



5-12 Hybrid Structure with
slide & multiple points of
access



Climbing
Bloqx



2-5 play
structure



Monkey
Bars



Basket
Swing



Design Concept - Option B

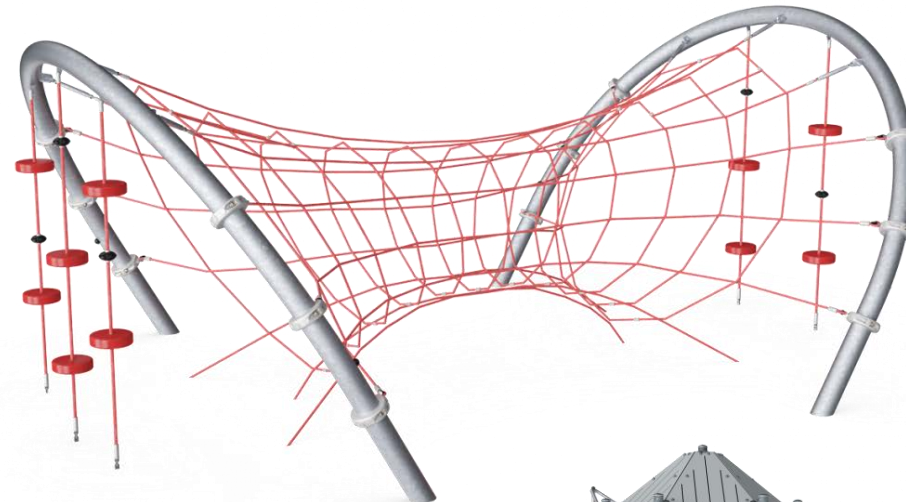




Design Concept - Option B



5-12 Structure with slides
& multiple points of access



Arc Tunnel
Rope Climbing



2-5 play
structure



Monkey
Bars



Basket
Swing



Menti-Meter Survey

- Please use your phone to vote on MENTI.COM
- Enter Room Code **3928 7472**
- Your responses will provide live feedback to assist with the design



Next Steps

- Final Community Meeting March 3rd
 - Final design
 - Rendered site plan and playground design elements
- Construction Documents
- Summer Construction
- Project Completion